

Let All Help To Make This A Good Conference Year



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Full Schedule Of Conferences For This Summer Arranged President Park Issues A Timely Call To All Friends

Girls' Conference Will Be First Event General Conference Early In August

Able Speakers Coming Many Visitors Expected

August 1, 1942 will usher in the sixty-third Northfield General Conference, an institution which has had and continues to have a profound influence on the international religious scene. The international aspect of the gathering will again be emphasized by the inclusion in this year's program of one of Great Britain's most distinguished Christian leaders, who will not only bring to Northfield a message from his be-



REV. WILLIAM E. PARK,
President Northfield Schools

leagured country, but who will carry back to Britain's churches the word from Northfield. Outstanding American and Canadian speakers, several of them new to Northfield, will complete the program.

Climaxing the long series of "Calls" which started in 1880 with D. L. Moody's famous invitation to all Christians to come to Northfield and "wait upon Him for a fresh anointment of power from on high", a call has been issued by President William E. Park, General Conference chairman, which emphasizes the timelessness as well as the timelessness of the Christian message, as it is presented each year at the Conference. Inviting attention to the fact that Northfield is not a refuge from the world but a place where one may gain renewed strength to face world conditions, whatever they may be, the call reads: "At this time when the very face of the globe is distorted with war and violence; when social, political, and economic values are

President Park said, "Never has Northfield assumed a heavier responsibility or taken a task more seriously than the preparation of the 1942 program. Never has the Christian community of this country stood in greater need of the re-examination, re-appraisal, and re-affirmation of its ideas and ideals that will mark this program. With the nation and its institutions in peril our greatest needs are strength, courage, and faith. Northfield affords an opportunity for the Christian leadership of America to find in the seclusion of these everlasting hills, renewal and revitalization of these essential qualities."

As the reports come in from the various conferences which hold their sessions here, it becomes evident that the spirit of President Park's announcement and call to the General Conference will dominate the entire season. The Missionary Conference is planning a strong presentation of the theme, "Latin America", with the entire program focussed on Inter-American relations. The United Presbyterian Conference, with its usual deeply spiritual appeal has adopted as its theme for this crucial year: "Christ, the Answer."

There also appears to be considerable optimism among Conference leaders about the travel situation. Although the outlook is admittedly uncertain, there seems to be no reason to believe that the American people will be expected to give their best to the war effort without vacations, any



DR. JOHN S. WHALE,
President Cheshunt College,
Cambridge, England

more than the people of nations in the war for several years have been expected to. President Roosevelt said, within the last six weeks, "Within reasonable limits, I believe that the war effort will not be hampered, but actually improved, by sensible participation in healthy, recreational pursuits. Recreation under present conditions can be undertaken solely with the purpose of building up body and mind and with the chief thought that this will help win the war."

Secretary of the Interior Ickes is another government official who is on record as recommending civilian travel for purposes of relaxation and his recent action regarding gas rationing indicates his intention of putting his suggestion into effect if possible.

It is pointed out by Conference leaders that the majority of those who attend the Summer Conferences are church workers who come not only for rest and recreation but for study also; and since the country is counting heavily on the morale-building power of the churches, vacations for church leaders are doubly important this year.



DR. HENRY SLOANE COFFIN,
President Union Theological Seminary,
New York City

In upheaval; when physical security is unknown; it is well that we should seek to strengthen the inner resources and to discover the true security that God alone may bestow. It is helpful to make this search in a place hallowed by prayer and tradition; where we may respond to our Lord's plea: "Come ye apart and rest awhile."

"To this end, the sixty-third Northfield General Conference will be held August 1 to 17, 1942, and an invitation is extended to those who would thus prepare themselves for life's struggles and for the ultimate victory of Christ's way of life."

In his earlier announcement of the Northfield Summer Conference season, issued in February,

while the ministers remain in Sage Chapel for their session. Miss Ruth I. Seabury will lead the Women's meetings for the full two weeks. She is national secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and has been a frequent speaker at Northfield missionary conferences since 1916.

Leader of the Minister's Meetings during the first week will be Dr. Halford E. Luccock, professor of homiletics at the Yale Divinity School. Dr. Luccock was formerly editorial secretary of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions and is widely known as an author of religious books, his most recent being "American Mirror", published in 1941. Second week leader will be President John S. Whale of Cheshunt College, Cam-



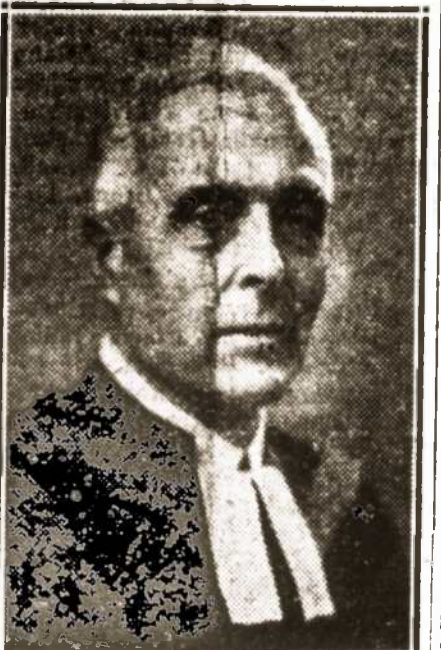
DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN,
Minister Christ Church,
New York City

bridge, the only speaker from the British Isles on this year's program. Dr. Whale will be remembered as the speaker who made such a deep impression on the assemblage of Christian leaders at the Evangelism Council here in 1937. He has earned the reputation of being one of the best preachers in England and numbers many of that country's leading men among his listeners.

Round Top meetings at 7 p. m. will follow the pattern set last year by the Rev. Earl Heath Kopf, who conducted a series of informal devotional services during the second week and who will return for the same period this year. He is well-known in the Boston area for his weekly broadcast, "From a Window on Beacon Street" and is minister of the Mount Vernon Church which D. L. Moody joined in 1856. Dr. Boynton Merrill, who will take Round Top the first week, is a

and lecturer to ministers at the 1941 conference; Dr. Peter Marshall, minister of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington.

Other Auditorium speakers will include: Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, minister of the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Florida; and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church, New York City since 1917 and



DR. HALFORD E. LUCCOCK,
Professor of Homiletics
Yale University Divinity School,
New Haven, Conn.



1941 SPEAKERS GROUP

Four of the seven will be speakers at 1942 General Conference

well-known as a lecturer and author of religious books, and Dr. Cadman's successor as minister at the National Radio Pulpit. The name of Dr. Harris E. Kirk also appears on the program. Dr. Kirk was at one time presiding officer of the General Conference and has been minister of the Franklin Street Church of Baltimore since 1901.

Sunday speakers will be as follows: August 2, Dr. Luccock;

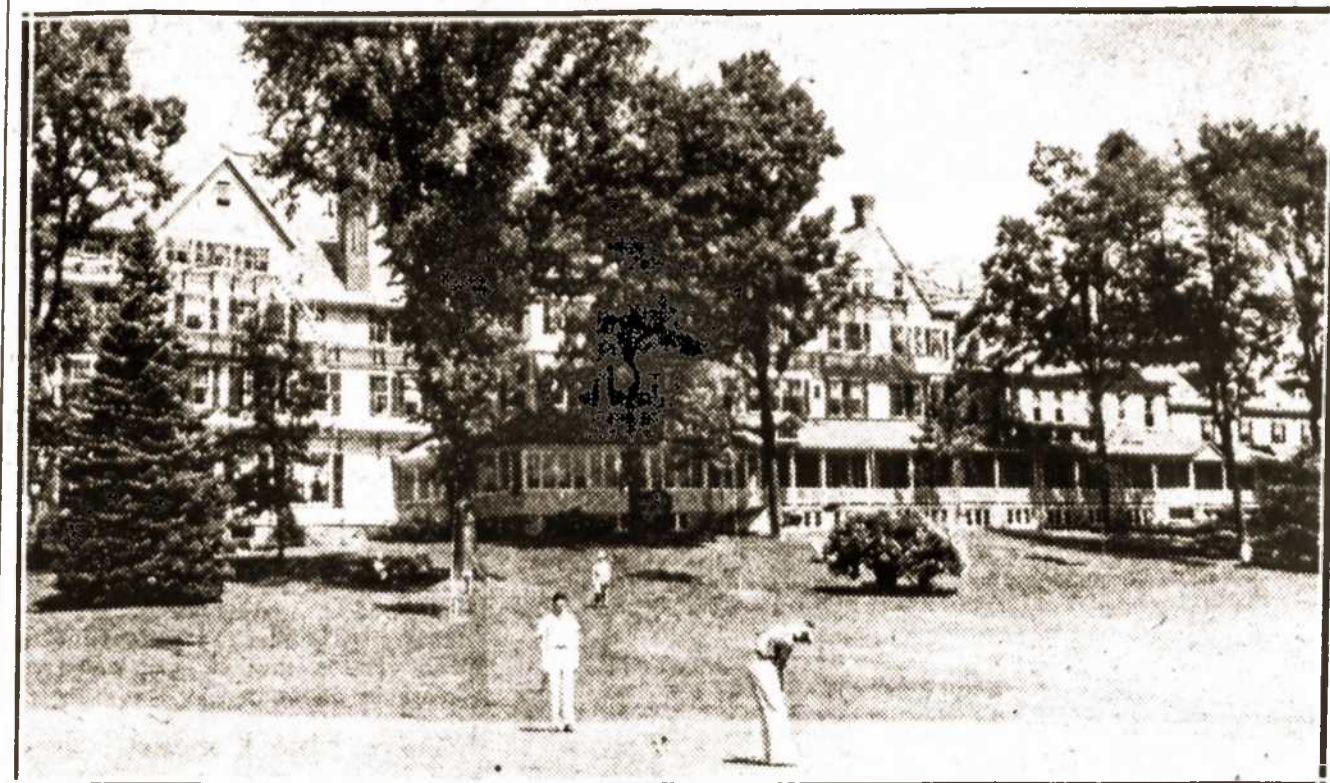
body have earned a wide reputation for the finished quality of their choral singing under Gallagher's direction but the training is necessarily handicapped by the academic and work schedules, and by the difficulty in bringing mixed groups together for rehearsal.

These difficulties are largely eliminated during the summer and it has been possible to give the singers professional training with daily classes and practice periods as well as the daily opportunity of singing before an audience. The results have been remarkable, not only in the quality of music made available to the conferences but in the opportunity this plan offers to the schools to continue this important phase of Northfield training through the summer for, at least, a small group of boys and girls.

The singers, who incidentally work as cooks, waitresses, chambermaids, and busboys, just as do all the conference employees, are already organized for 1942 and Mr. Gallagher reports that a large percentage of last year's group, several of whom are in college, will return. Several promising newcomers will fill the ranks and help maintain the high quality of the past two years.

The Westminster Choir College Summer School will, as usual, be in session during part of the General Conference and the Northfield Festival of Sacred Music will be held August 9 under the direction of Dr. John Finley Williamson, Westminster's founder and head. The training of the chorus which will be recruited from Connecticut Valley choirs will begin in June under the direction of Mr. Clyde Holt of the Westminster staff who trained last year's chorus also. The Westminster Summer School chorus will also give two concerts in the auditorium, the Junior Camp group on Friday night, August 7, and the Senior group Saturday night, August 8. Mr. Holt is planning to augment the junior choir school he conducted last year for the children of Conference guests and North-

The Season's Outlook At The Hotel Is Bright Many Guests Plan To Come For Longer Stays



THE NORTHFIELD HOTEL
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schools, has earned an enviable reputation for its inspiring interpretation of sacred music, as well as for its interesting and colorful rendition of the secular programs it has occasion to offer several times during the season.

Training the singers has given Mr. Gallagher a better opportunity, in some ways, for putting his methods into effect than does his work in the schools. The school's choral groups and the student

field's young folks. Plans for this feature are now underway but it is known that the school will start earlier this year and that it will include music appreciation, choral work, and junior worship training. Last year's school had an enrollment of more than 40 children.

Events scheduled for the summer include: the Girls' Conference combined with the proposed College Girls' Conference, June 15 to 22; Mount Hermon Alumni Week, July 3 to 11; Missionary Conference, July 6 to 14; United Presbyterian Conference, July 11 to 18; Religious Education Conference including the Conference of the United Christian Adult Movement and a Conference on Weekday Religious Education, July 15 to 24; Westminster Choir College Summer School, July 20 to August 10; Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Conference, July 25 to August 1; General Conference, August 1 to 17.

Final Instructions Consumer Rationing

Robert N. Taylor, superintendent of schools, who is the consumer rationing official here, announces that all citizens whose names fall within the group, of A to M, register if possible on Monday, May 4, in the lunch room of Center school. Entrance is by the south door, where there is plenty of parking space. There will be no school on Monday and registration will take place from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Other registration days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 5, 6 and 7, for all the people. Families should fill out the family information blank which will be sent them and bring it with them on their visit.

Gasoline registration is to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 12, 13 and 14, inclusive, in the same place. Instructions will be published next week.

Hermion Hobby Show In Preparation

It looks as if Mount Hermon school will put on an unusually fine Hobby Show this year, and the dates are from May 8 to 10, inclusive, in the Schaffler Library building. The dates carry over the weekend of Parents' day and the Sacred Concert. The show will be open to the public and the exhibits will include many of the items which were shown last year, but with a marked increase and more efficient display. Medals are to be awarded the prize winners and a cup to the best exhibit. The committee working for the success of the affair, includes Messrs. Neal Allen and Elliott V. Eleckles of the faculty, and the following students: Messrs. J. Baker, R. Hendzalai, E. Bunzel, D. Brackner, F. Hood, J. McVeigh, R. Lawrence, P. Stone, R. Orcutt, D. Osborne, D. Lanyon and R. Stevens. Everybody interested in what promises to be a superb hobby show is invited to make a visit.

According to the New York Times of last Friday, Charles E. Dickerson, Jr., who is with the U. S. Embassy in Russia, and who has been in Moscow for a short time, has returned to his office in Kuibyshev.

In a recent statement, President Roosevelt has stated that while it is obvious, that the war effort is the primary task of everybody, in the nation, it has been proven that human beings cannot sustain prolonged work, without maintaining a proper balance between work on the one hand and vacation and recreation on the other.

While it is expected that due to the rationing of tires and the limitations placed on the sale of gasoline, there will be less tourist travel than in former years, nevertheless there will be sufficient gasoline to provide for necessary transportation needs, and these needs will be supplied also in greater measure by the railroads and bus lines of the nation. It is expected that people will make their plans early and map out their program.

With so many conferences meeting in Northfield this summer, it is not expected that there will be any lessening in attendance. Those who come will plan to stay and enjoy themselves and naturally there may be less of the excursions in the countryside.

In talking to a representative of this paper, Manager A. Gordon Moody, of the Northfield hotel, spoke in an optimistic mood of his expectations for the summer. He said that "reservations were being made at the Northfield hotel for the summer, in advance of former years", and that his problem was to see that a full program of entertainment and interest was provided for his guests every day during their stay. "These are trying times", said Mr. Moody, "but the hotels of New England, which is the vacation country, will face the future months unflinchingly under the extraordinary conditions which prevail".

Further, he said, "the Northfield hotel will provide a home for all its guests and attempt to render the very best of service possible under the war conditions which prevail. Incidentally, Hotel Week is to be observed the first week in June, and it is said that hotels are the collective bastions of democracy, just as the private home is the individual bastion of democracy. In every hotel the health, comfort and convenience of its guests, so important to morale, are assured just as they are at home. Those who contemplate a stay at the Northfield hotel, this summer, had better write for rates and reservations just as soon as possible, for the selection of rooms is available only in the order in which reservations are made. Vacations are necessary for all and Yankee ingenuity will find a way to enjoy them."

Mothers day is Sunday, May 10 and Fathers day will follow Sunday, June 21.

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LAST YEAR'S NORTHFIELD CONFERENCE SINGERS
with Melvin L. Gallagher, conductor, in center of group

Mount Hermon graduate, a trustee of The Northfield Schools, and is a frequent speaker here. In 1927 he succeeded Dr. J. Edgar Park, father of Northfield's president, as minister of the Second Church in Newton.

Morning and evening auditorium services will be held as usual. Among those who will be heard at these sessions are: Dr. Scherer, Dr. Luccock, Dr. Whale, and Miss Seabury. Also Dr. Frederick W. Norwood, pastor of St. Andrew's Wesley Church, Vancouver, B. C., since 1939, and a popular speaker at Northfield; Dr. Edwin M. Potot of Cleveland, author of many well-known books; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary, a noted author

August 9, Dr. Sockman; August 16, morning, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, evening, President Park. Dr. Coffin, who is president of Union Theological Seminary, will be remembered by many as the preacher on the closing Sunday of the General Conference and as an always welcomed speaker on other occasions. He has long been an annual preacher at many leading colleges and universities and is a prolific author.

Conference music will be under the direction of Mr. Melvin L. Gallagher, choral director of the Northfield Schools, who will be assisted by The Northfield Conference Singers. This group, recruited by Mr. Gallagher in 1940 from his choral students in the

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On Wednesday afternoon in Alexander Hall, mothers of men enlisted or called into service of the armed forces of the nation were given public recognition by the local Allied Relief Exchange, in a special social and entertainment arranged in their honor. Photographs of the sons were exhibited, and a large map, prepared by pupils of the public schools, showed by "pins" the locations where a Northfield "son" was located, so far as is known. Mrs. E. M. Powell, who was largely responsible for the affair, welcomed all present and letters were read from Stephen Early, secretary to President Roosevelt, and from Governor Saltonstall. A medley of martial airs was played by Mrs. Robert Taylor, after which Mrs. Guy Blossom read a roster of every town mother who had a son in the services. All joined in singing America and then Mrs. George Carr read selections from the book, "Caught in the Draft". The Fortnightly sextette then rendered several selections including "The White Cliffs of Dover", after which Major Roy Baker gave some of his experiences of Corregidor. The program closed with a greeting from the American Legion and the singing of the national anthem. Refreshments were served from a table decorated in red, white and blue, and lighted candles, consisting of coffee, cake and candy. A large bouquet of roses and iris graced the table with silverware forming a V. Every mother was given a rose in departing.

Gave Fine Concert

The Pioneer Valley Symphony orchestra with Harold Alexander Leslie as conductor, rendered a magnificent concert in the auditorium last Saturday evening. There was a large attendance and the various selections were constantly applauded, even for a second rendition. Robert McBride was the clarinet soloist for his own composition which was enthusiastically received by the audience and the selection "Russian Melody" for strings received acknowledgment of merit, as its author, Dr. Stone of Greenfield, was pointed out in the gallery. There was not a moment of hesitancy in the program and the members of the orchestra played in perfect harmony to everybody's delight. Director Leslie was a real master at all times. The appearance of the orchestra here was a noteworthy event, a privilege accorded to all music lovers.

Some people believe anything you tell them—if you whisper it. You'll never stumble on anything good while sitting down.

School Trustees Here Services On Sunday

The trustees of The Northfield Schools will hold their spring meeting at Kenard Hall on Saturday of this week.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, trustee of the schools, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church, ex-president of the Federal Council of Churches, and for many years the secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, will speak at services in Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel on Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and 5 p. m. Dr. J. Edgar Park, president of Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., will be the speaker at the 11 o'clock service in Sage Chapel on the Seminary campus.

Congregational Church

The program for the week beginning Sunday is as follows: Sunday, 10 a. m., Sunday school, Miss Helen Handy, superintendent; 11 a. m., morning worship, with the reception of new members into the church and communion service. Sermon by Mr. Dahl. The following people will join the church at this service: On confession of faith: Paul Chamberlain, Jr., Portia Chamberlain, Robert Chapin, Esther Compton, Norton Field, Arlene Finch, Edwin Finch, John William Greenwood, Anne Livingston, George Marshall, George Phelps, David Powell, Edward M. Powell, II, John Powell, Carl Stone, Isabelle Stone, Irving Walker, Kenneth Walker. By letter: Rev. and Mrs. Edward Fairbank, from the United Church of Northern India, Vadala, Western India; Mr. and Mrs. Roger M. Greenwood, Calvin Greenwood, Ann Greenwood, from the First Baptist Church, Gardner; Mrs. Emily S. Kirk, from the First Presbyterian Church, Lansdowne, Pa.; and Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella, from the Park Memorial Baptist Church, Springfield.

6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor, consecration meeting; 7:30 p. m., union evening service in the Congregational Church at Gill, when the choir will sing and Mr. Dahl will be the preacher.

Wednesday, 3 p. m., annual meeting of the Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. Frank Montague.

Thursday: 10 a. m., all day meeting of the Sewing Society, luncheon at noon; 7:30, prayer meeting, Mr. Dahl will continue his talks on Great Prayers of the Bible—"Jesus' Prayer: Prayer as Thanksgiving." 8:30, choir rehearsal.

The Unitarian Church

On Sunday at 10:45 a. m., there will be a service of worship and sermon, topic: "More Light! More Fellowship!" Rev. Arthur Heeb, minister; Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, organist. Church school, 9:45; Lillian Fortier will lead in the service, music in charge of Winona Robinson. A cordial welcome to all.

Guardsmen Maneuvers

Our local company of guardsmen under Lieut. Harrison Stacey went to Deerfield to participate in maneuvers with other companies of guardsmen from Orange, South Deerfield and Buckland, last Sunday afternoon and with umpires they were given a mob demonstration with Deerfield Academy boys playing their parts. It is said the guardsmen had their hands full in solving such a problem and it was their first experience in dealing with an unruly mob. It was all for experience and the contest ended in a draw. A parade was held and the local guardsmen returned to their homes here feeling that they had done a good job well, which will be better next time.

More New Books Added At Dickinson Library

Through purchase and gift a number of new books have been added to the shelves of Dickinson Memorial Library and are ready for circulation as announced by Mrs. Marjorie Norton, librarian:

Cross Creek, by Marjorie Rawlings, about the author's Florida home and her neighbors. Modern American and Modern British poetry, edited by Louis Untermeyer, the best poets of both countries are included. Book of bays, by William Beebe, a combination travel and nature-study book. I was in Hell with Niemöller, by Leo Stein, should be widely read. Mine eyes have seen, by Alfreda Withington, Saga of a pioneer woman doctor. Millionaire, by John B. Tunis, a modern air-pilot's life. The moon is down, by John Steinbeck, a best-seller, telling why a free people cannot be conquered. All sails set, by Edith A. Holton, a Cape Cod story. Bride of Glory, by Bradda Field, fictional story of Lady Hamilton and Lord Nelson. Only one storm, by Granville Hicks, a fine novel about a country town. Dina Cashman, by Kathleen Norris, light romance. Death in the inkwell, by Jefferson Farjeon, a mystery tale. Welcome, soldier!, by Clark McMeekin, an entertainer gets into uniform again.

Former Resident Dies

According to information received by friends here, E. J. Blanchard of Concord, N. H., died there at the home of his daughter on Wednesday, April 22, after a brief illness. The funeral was held last Saturday afternoon and burial was in the cemetery at Belknap Falls, Vt. Mr. Blanchard had worried much over the loss of his grandson in the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, and this no doubt had hastened his death. Mr. Blanchard was the last operator of the Northfield ferry, across the river where the Bennett Meadow bridge now stands.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

It is not too early to make your reservation for the Mother and Daughter Banquet which is to be held Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00 o'clock in the Congregational Church vestry. This annual event, although sponsored by the Mothers' Society of the church, is intended to be a get-together for all mothers and daughters of the community who wish to come and have fun together. A fine banquet is planned and a gay program of laughs and thrills for both youngsters and oldsters! Make your reservation as soon as you can conveniently do so by telephoning Mrs. Alvin Porter 596.

Pupils Receive Awards

The local W. C. T. U. recently sponsored a poster contest by the pupils of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of our schools and they were exhibited at the last monthly meeting of the Union. War Defense stamps were offered as prizes. Miss Elizabeth G. Braley, teacher in the schools, supervised the preparation of the exhibit. The awards were made as follows: First prize, Beverly Billings; second, Marilyn Whitney; third, Barbara Taylor; fourth, Betty Wells; special awards, Carolyn Miller, Robert Hubbard, Robert Royer, Emma Lavalley, David Powell, Betty Franz, Eleanor Severance, Lawrence Randall and Marion Avery; honorable mention, Iorrene Lyons. Sixty-three posters were entered in the contest and some of the best are on exhibition at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

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structed to report to Governor Saltonstall on the trees planted, thanks to the committee, George Kidder, Mrs. Joseph Field and Joseph Morgan. After the pilgrimage around the church in which Mr. Heeb instructed the children about the trees planted and to be planted, there was dancing and refreshments. The bird house to be placed in the tree in the rear of the church was an object of interest to the smaller children. Thanks was extended to Mrs. Kidder for the refreshments.

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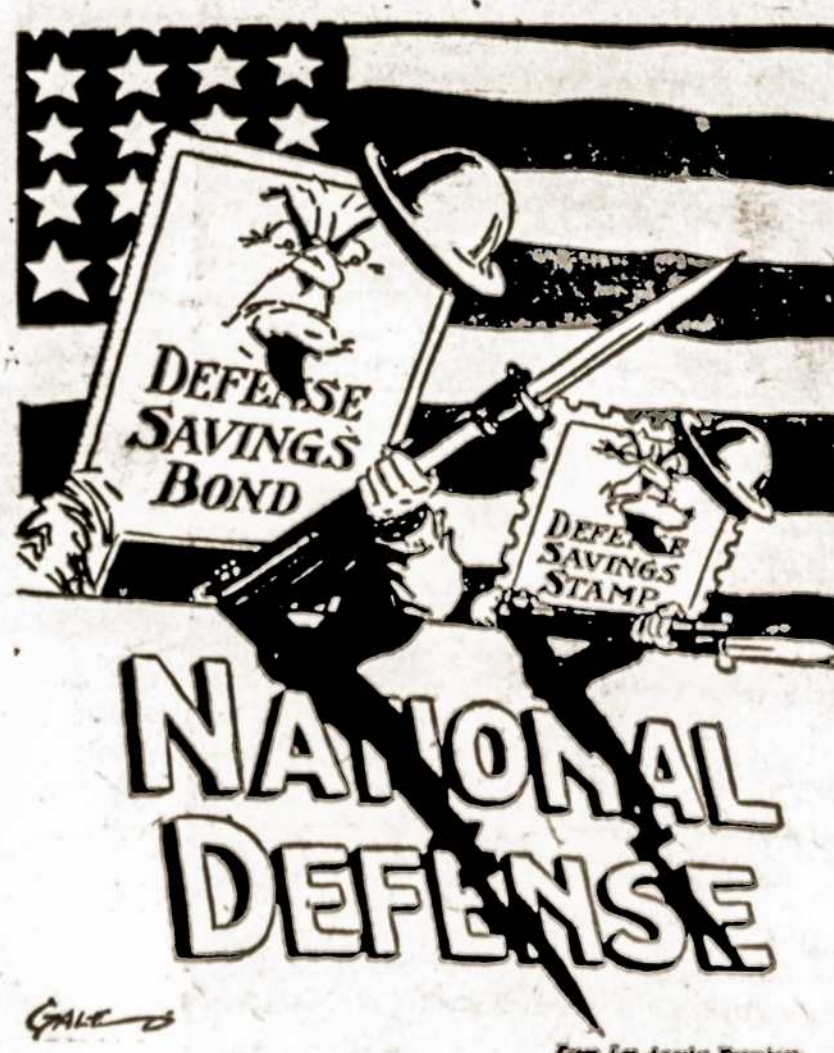
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Wilson's Mor	can	31c
Mothers Flour	5 lb bag	27c
Campbell Tomato Soup	3 tall cans	21c
Growers Salad Dressing	qt jar	31c
Checker Corn Flakes	6oz pkg	5c
Fresh Milk Lunch Crackers	2 lb box	23c
Caruso Egg Noodles	1 lb bag	14c
Glen Oak Mustard	10 ½oz glass	9c
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Heron Alumni Council Meets This Weekend

The Mount Hermon Alumni Council will hold its annual spring meeting this week-end. The program for the induction of the Senior Class this year is being arranged by the Alumni Undergraduate Committee. The class will receive membership cards in the Alumni Association at noon assembly on Saturday when Mr. Frank S. Beveridge of Westfield, president of the association, will be the speaker.

On Saturday evening at 8:15 there will be a formal banquet given for the Seniors by the Alumni Association in the Social Hall. The guest speaker will be Headmaster James I. Wendell of the Hill School, and President William E. Park will be toastmaster.

Home Nursing Class

Members of the Home Nursing classes, who have taken the course under the direction of Mrs. Charles E. Dickerson, Jr., will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 7 o'clock and in the evening at 7 o'clock to continue their sessions, at the Town Hall. All are invited to unite in these classes in order to aid the community nurse and the community in general. Bring needle, thread and scissors.

China Relief Drive

With gifts still coming in, Northfield's China Relief drive has reached \$380 and the committee feels there is still a chance of passing the \$500 mark before the last shot is fired on this important front of the United Nations war effort.

The national U. C. R. drive is bringing into sharp focus the deep-seated love and universal sympathy of the American people for China. This country now fully recognizes the strength of the bonds that unite us with our Oriental neighbors and realizes our interdependence in this world-wide crusade for freedom.

In the April 25 issue of the Saturday Evening Post appears one of the rare editorials that magazine has ever printed for any relief drive other than the Red Cross. It says, in part:

"Every dollar entrusted to United China Relief will buy more direct benefits to deserving human beings than the same dollar probably could buy anywhere else. Our contributions to it now are an essential part of our own war effort."

Gifts may still be handed to members of the local committee or sent direct to the chairman, President William E. Park, Kenard Hall.

An Evening of Fun

Northfield Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, is planning "An Evening of Fun" for the public in the Town Hall, Friday evening, May 8, at 8 o'clock. The program will include an operetta by the Glee Club of the Northfield High School under the direction of Mrs. Marion Goodspeed; a hill-billy play starring local talent, and a group of prominent townsmen will show some real Hollywood talent.

"Skate Smith" and "Katherine Heartburn" and other leading characters will appear in person. will be provided. A full evening of entertainment

Pupils Music Today

At the Town Hall this Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock the pupils of the first to sixth grades of Center school will give a program of music, with folk and May-pole dances. The event is in connection with music week and all interested friends are invited to attend. This affair was originally scheduled for May 6 but was set forward owing to the service of the teachers in sugar rationing.

Garden Club Meeting

Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock in Alexander hall, there will be a meeting of the Garden Club and members are requested to bring suggestions on gardening methods which they have found successful. Members will bring their problems for consideration, and an open discussion will be held. The effort to transplant wild flowers will also be related by some members.

A row of daffodils, 18 feet long, in the gardens at the Hoehn home, bears 320 blossoms from actual count. Can anyone beat that?

Mrs. John V. McNeil of Maple street is at the Franklin county hospital for observation and treatment.

Miss Anna Merriman of Greenwich, Conn., and Miss Mabel Merriman of New York city are spending vacations at the home of their sister, Mrs. Frank H. Montague.

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TOWN TOPICS

SLADE: In Quincy, Mass., April 29, James H., husband of Mary V. (Hastings) Slade, in his 75th year. Funeral services at late home, 17 Edgemere road, Quincy, Mass., Saturday, May 2, at 2:30 p. m. Relatives and friends are invited.

Word received from California, states that Rev. W. W. Coe is improving in health at the hospital in Pasadena, where however he will remain for several more weeks. Mrs. Coe is also at Pasadena to be near him.

Rev. Ellis E. Jones was in New York over last week end and was the preacher at the Riverside Church vesper service of the Northfield Seminary Club.

Seth Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field, who enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard, is now at the station in Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr entertained the choir of the Congregational Church at their home on Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. George M. Leonard, who are members, were presented with a Fostoria set of lamps and dresser dishes. A social evening followed and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody have returned to their home here after their winter's residence in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Now that spring is here and housecleaning is under way, don't forget that should you find any articles not needed, that Mrs. William F. Hoehn would appreciate receiving them for shipment in the boxes which will soon be on their way to the Crossnore school, to aid the "mountain folks" of the southland. Telephone 536 and packages will be called for.

The Sunderland tax rate has just been announced by the assessors for the year at \$30, which is an increase of \$2 over last year. Mrs. Charles E. Dickerson, Jr., of this town was the speaker at the meeting of the Junior SPCC at the parish house of St. James' Church in Greenfield on Thursday afternoon. She spoke on her experiences in Russia.

Mrs. Marion Billings, Mrs. Mary Dembek, Mrs. Daniel C. Donahue, Mrs. Vera Ferris, Charles L. Gilbert, Mrs. Nettie Gilbert, Mrs. Clara E. Hale, Mrs. Lawrence Hammond, Mrs. R. Kenneth Leach, Miss Grace Tenney, Miss Hazel Tennen and Lewis H. Wood have received certificates in finishing the first aid class instruction, recently given at Northfield Farms. The advance class begins meetings Monday evening.

The local fire department was called out last Sunday afternoon to fight a bad forest fire on the Davis farm on the Bernardston road. About 45 acres was burned over before it was subdued at 7 p. m. Regular and auxiliary firemen, the state road patrol crews and about 150 students from Mount Hermon school assisted.

Mrs. Earl Marcelle and family of Marlboro are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody.

Mrs. Leila M. Allen, who has spent the winter at the Mansion House in Greenfield, returned to her home on Main street this week.

Miss Natalie Briesmaster and Ellen Briesmaster visited Bradley Field in Connecticut last Sunday where Harold Briesmaster is stationed.

The annual meeting of Mount Hermon Church will be held in the Social hall on the campus, Sunday, May 17, at 6:45 o'clock. Grove W. Deming is the clerk.

According to a deed filed in the Registry last week, Lawrence S. Quinlan has sold to Frank B. Podlenski, six tracts of land in the "upper great meadows", the "great meadows" together with certain spring rights.

Members of the Ripley family arrived at their future home in Topsfield, Maine, early last week, after passing through several hard rain storms and very cold weather enroute. A card, however, states that all are well.

According to a deed filed in the Registry, Amy R. Starkey, formerly Amy R. Slate, has transferred to William W. Slate, land and buildings on the north side of Warwick avenue.

Northfield milk producers will receive an increased price for milk according to a ruling of the state milk board. The increase is from \$3.49 per hundredweight, to \$3.70 to be paid producers by dealers for class 1 milk.

The annual hobby show at Mount Hermon school this year will be conducted at the library, May 8, 9 and 10.

Another "neighborhood night" was held at the Northfield Hotel Wednesday evening with plenty of good things to eat and a social evening following.

A daughter, Margaret Lois, was born at Duke University hospital, Durham, N. C. to Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Smale, Jr., on Sunday, April 26. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Smale of Philadelphia, and of Rev. and Mrs. William H. Giebel of this town.

The graduation of the senior class of our local high school will be held at the Town Hall on Friday, June 19, and the speaker will be President William E. Park of the Northfield schools.

There were 215 men registered in this town at the Town Hall last Sunday and Monday in the third registration of the government.

Rolla A. Barnes, who is director of aid and relief for this state, will go to New Orleans this month to attend the National Conference of Social Work. With his wife, he will make the trip by plane. Mr. Barnes is a nephew of Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella of this town.

Mrs. A. F. Bennett has returned to her home in the upper Farms after spending the winter in New York and in the south with her son, Lieut. John Bennett and his family. The lieutenant is now "on his way" in the service.

Annual parish meeting of the Unitarian Church, which was called for Monday evening has been postponed to meet at the church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Camilla Rikert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Rikert of Mount Hermon and a student at Duke University, is one of 20 members selected for Sandela, coed leadership organization, because of outstanding character, service and scholarship. She graduated from the Seminary in 1941.

Local Methodists will be interested to learn that the New England annual conference of the Methodist Church will be held in Northampton Wednesday, May 13, through Sunday, May 17, in the John M. Greene hall on the Smith College campus.

The Connecticut Valley Political Science Association will meet in Amherst on Saturday at the State College and will be attended by several school faculty members from Northfield. Newspaper editors have also been invited.

Miss Muriel Kendrick of Lacomia, N. H., and a former resident here, spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace H. Morse on Highland avenue.

The auction sale at the residence of Lawrence S. Quinlan on Meadow street last Saturday was well attended and good prices prevailed. Everything listed was sold. The auction was well advertised.

George McEwan, chairman of the Northfield Committee on Public Safety, has recently announced that Mrs. Frank Montague has been appointed chairman of the Women's Division to succeed Miss Hazel Schooley, who will devote her time to first aid work.

President William E. Park will be the speaker at the evening service at Williston Academy this Sunday at 7 p. m.

The Franklin County Women's Republican Club will hold their annual luncheon meeting at the Mansion House in Greenfield on Saturday. Robert T. Bushnell, state attorney general, will be the guest speaker.

The county Beekeepers' Association of which Carroll H. Miller of this town is president, held a supper meeting last Monday evening at the assembly room of the Electric Light Co. in Greenfield.

The Northfield Hotel held another "neighborhood night" on Wednesday evening when a fine dinner was served and a social evening followed.

Mrs. Gertrude M. Kelley, wife of Herbert M. Kelley, treasurer of the Greenfield Savings Bank, passed in death last week Wednesday. She was a sister of Harry E. Lewis of this town and frequently visited here. Sympathy is extended by friends.

West Northfield and South Vernon

SOUTH VERNON CHURCH

South Vernon Church: morning worship at 10:30. Mrs. Florence White, Mrs. Philip Holton and Miss Ruth Dunklee will give brief reports of the Advance Convention at Bellows Falls, which they attended Monday. Mrs. White will speak on "The Sheep and the Shepherd." Communion will be served. Sunday school at 11:45; Loyal Workers at 6:30. The Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society will conduct the evening service at 7:30, with many participating.

Mrs. E. W. Dunklee and son, Courtland, have returned from a trip to Rockland, Me., where they attended the wedding ceremony of Mrs. Dunklee's grand-niece, Miss Pauline Tatham, and Kent Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Carr of Colrain have announced the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis, to Alexander G. Brown, son of Herman A. Brown of Vernon. Miss Carr attended Arms Academy in Shelburne Falls. Mr. Brown attended Mt. Hermon school.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perkins are occupying the Bolton cottage in West Northfield, having moved here from Vermont. He will be employed by Mr. Bolton.

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Mrs. Florence Simmons has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. J. Weatherhead. She recently graduated from Hillcrest hospital in Pittsfield and has accepted a position there.

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OUR CONFERENCES

Following a preliminary announcement of a few weeks ago, a positive program is being issued of the Summer Conferences which will be held here this summer. The meetings, gatherings, schools and institutes of former years are again scheduled and because of the war situation they will take on more serious proportions. Many familiar figures will be missed because of enlistment in the various services of the nation but new enrollments will take their places. Our own citizens should give these conferences their hearty support and welcome their participants from afar, who remain with us for an indefinite stay.

WILLKIE LEADS PARTY

Wendell L. Willkie continues to be the leader and inspiration of the hopes of the Republican party. When the Republican National Committee met in Chicago last week he insisted on a constructive attitude toward post-war affairs, and was fully supported. The triumph is wholeheartedly supported by the rank and file of the G. C. P. who have been disgusted with the curse of isolationism which has dogged the footsteps of so many of its self-seeking leaders during the past few years. Mr. Willkie is the one prominent leader who has come out with a clear cut outline of sound American policy. His courage and vision, his sound judgment and action have won for him the support of the people and he remains the one man, in whom all Republicans and independent voters can have confidence.

Know Massachusetts

DO YOU KNOW THAT . . . Motor vehicles in Massachusetts during the month of May last year used 68,930,567 gallons of gasoline; if stored in one place, it would have required a tank about twice the size of the Park Square Building in Boston. It is estimated that the average gas consumption per passenger car in the State last May was about 65 gallons. . . . The census taken in March 1940 showed 1,050,678 males and 484,109 females employed in Massachusetts on private and government work excluding relief projects; also 84,301 males and 19,090 females on public relief and training work such as provided by the WPA, NYA and CCC. Total of the unemployed who were seeking employment, including persons then on relief or training projects, was 300,473, or about 16 per cent

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of the total reported labor supply . . . Value of new orders received by Massachusetts factories during March amounted to about 30 per cent more than in March a year ago, the greatest increase being shown in the metal trades . . . The Department of Labor and Industries reports that average weekly earnings in Massachusetts factories during March were \$33.53 per wage earner, an increase of 27 per cent over March 1941 and 46 per cent over March 1940 . . . Changes due to war conditions are emphasizing the usefulness of town and city planning, as indicated by increased appropriations for local planning boards.

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Olsson

I've often wondered how they get that way. I mean the hats the ladies wear on a nice spring day. Really, folks, some of those hats would do better than Tabby at scaring the rats. You see bananas, gardenias, ribbons, so red, flimsy veils and birds long since dead. Some could be boats and others soup platters, and all of them fail her face to flatter.

That came as an aftermath of a trip to Boston last week. I showed it to Guy Cummings. His wife wears some funny ones, and he admitted the verse was worse like the hats.

But in spite of the hats I had a nice trip. Mother Nature was showing spring colors far more attractive and delicate than any man—or should I say woman—ever thought of creating. Hillside was turning green with grass, daffodils were out, the Japanese cherries were bursting into bloom, the forsythias were all decked out, and the bursting buds, yellow, pink, and red, were real beautiful. Added to that was the warm spring sunshine—all of which made me feel happy inside. I even forgot whether it was 5 gallons or 55 gallons of gasoline we were to have each week.

As I rode along I was not surprised at the evidence of more home gardening this year, but I was surprised to see place after place equipped with chickens in the backyard. Another thing that appealed to me very much—a thing I saw in the city. One enterprising taxi man had a spotted pony hitched to an oldtime taxicab. It was painted a bright yellow and, believe me, he was doing a thriving business. I saw him three or four times during the afternoon. I hoped and prayed that he had more than one horse with which to keep going.

I mentioned a week or two ago about having fruit in the backyard. The big objection to growing tree fruits is the fact that you cannot produce good fruit without special equipment. However, dwarf apple trees can now be secured from many nurseries and can be recommended for those who have room for one or two trees and who are willing to make a serious effort to really produce good fruit.

According to J. K. Shaw from the Massachusetts State College there are three main types known as Malling 9, Malling 2, and Malling 1. Malling 9 are very much dwarfed and can be planted 8 to 10 feet apart. Malling 2 grow a little bit larger, perhaps to a height of 10 or 12 feet, but even that is considerably less than the normal apple tree. Trees designated as Malling 1 are still larger, being from one-half to two-thirds the size of seedling rooted trees.

Dwarf apple trees produce fruit like that of other trees of the same variety but they require better cultural conditions than do the ordinary apple trees. Dwarfed trees will do well in lawns if well fertilized with nitrogen and potash. They can be planted, he says, in good garden soil and after two or three years the land can be seeded to grass. In this way they would fit very nicely into an ornamental garden.

In planting he says great care must be taken that the union between roots and top be kept above the soil. If this is not done, the scion will send out roots and the dwarfed effect will be lost.

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able and are satisfactory but when it comes to planting plums, cherries and peaches, you might as well plant the usual trees.

The Savings Campaign About Completed Here

Several hundred people in Northfield took great satisfaction in the recent announcement by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau to the effect that the nation-wide drive for voluntary support of the War Savings program would open May 1. They were those who gave generous pledges to the "Minute Men" in Northfield's recent campaign which was, in effect, a test canvass, preceding the larger state and national efforts by a few weeks. Northfield may take great satisfaction in having completed its job. It may also take pride in having done it well, according to official word from the Treasury Department.

Fifty new pledges have been received by the campaign committee since the canvass ended, making the present result, 457 pledges promising the purchase of more than \$32,000 worth of War Bonds and Stamps each year for the duration. The final detailed report will appear in next week's PRESS.

The pledge books have been held open since the close of the campaign to accommodate those who were missed by the "Minute Men" and those who failed to pledge because the purpose of the drive was not made clear. According to the Treasury Department it is anticipated that every person in receipt of an income shall pledge a portion of it to the war effort.

The implied alternative of enforced saving or some other less desirable plan was one of the reasons for the local committee's determined effort to succeed with the drive. It was also one of the reasons why so many local residents pledged generously.

Those who failed to pledge or who wish to increase their pledges may still do so if they act quickly. Pledges will be received until Saturday night, May 2, after which Northfield's honor roll of pledges will be delivered immediately to a representative of the Treasury Department. Pledges will be received by Dr. Holton, Fred Avery, I. J. Lawrence or Frank W. Pearshall.

Tommy: "What's the matter? Has your girl turned you down?"
Pilot: "Yes, I haven't heard from her for a week."
Tommy: "I thought she said she would write every day?"
Pilot: "Yes, but she didn't say to whom."

Gill Riverside Bridge May Become War Scrap

The old suspension bridge between Gill and Turners Falls has been condemned for traffic, and its 566 tons of steel may find soon its way to the scrap pile for use to supply the nation's need in these war days. The bridge suffered irreparable damage in the 1938 flood but nevertheless has been subjected to a limited use for pedestrians. Vehicular traffic is carried over the new bridge and the Riverside span will not be missed, except as a matter of sentiment. The old bridge was indeed a landmark to local motorists, who used it considerably before the erection of the new Gill-Turners Falls bridge.

Hostel Rally Tonight

The local youth hostel cordially invites the townspeople and their friends to attend a rally celebrating Youth Hostel Week. This Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Town Hall. The program will include short talks by well-known people and AYH colored movies of travel in South America. Bill Nelson will act as master of ceremonies. After the program there will be a country dance with music furnished by the hostel sound equipment, at which the local high school square dancers will demonstrate.

Was Accident Victim

Pauline Whitman, 15 years old and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitman, former residents of this town, died at the Marlboro Hospital on April 26th. Miss Whitman was involved in an automobile accident in Marlboro on Sunday, April 19, when she received a fractured skull and jaw and lacerations of the face and head. Pauline was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, daughter of Paul and Gertrude Martin Whitman, who a year ago moved to Orange for residence. She was a sophomore in the Orange high school. Besides her parents, she is survived by two younger brothers and a sister. She is a niece of Warren Whitman and Mrs. Fred Fox of Northfield. The funeral was held Monday at Higgins Funeral Home in Orange.

Scout Parents' Night

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the vestry of the Congregational Church, the troop No. 9 of Boy Scouts of Northfield will present a special program in honor of Parents' night. Movies will be shown of Camp Chesterfield and demonstrations will be given of Scout work. Refreshments will be served and all interested friends are invited to attend the gathering.

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